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IFLA in Europe: What Do They Actually Do – and Why Should You Care?

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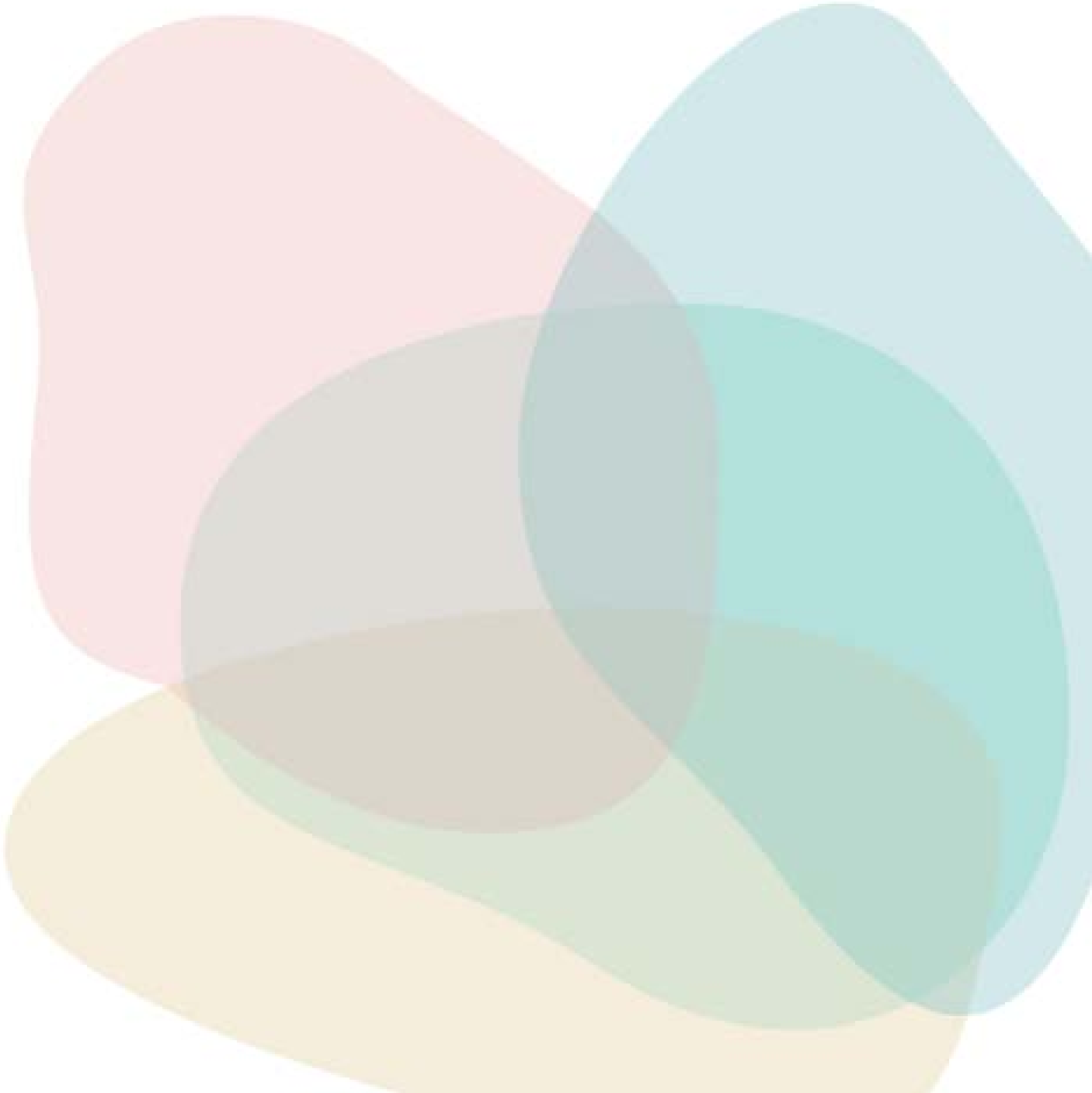

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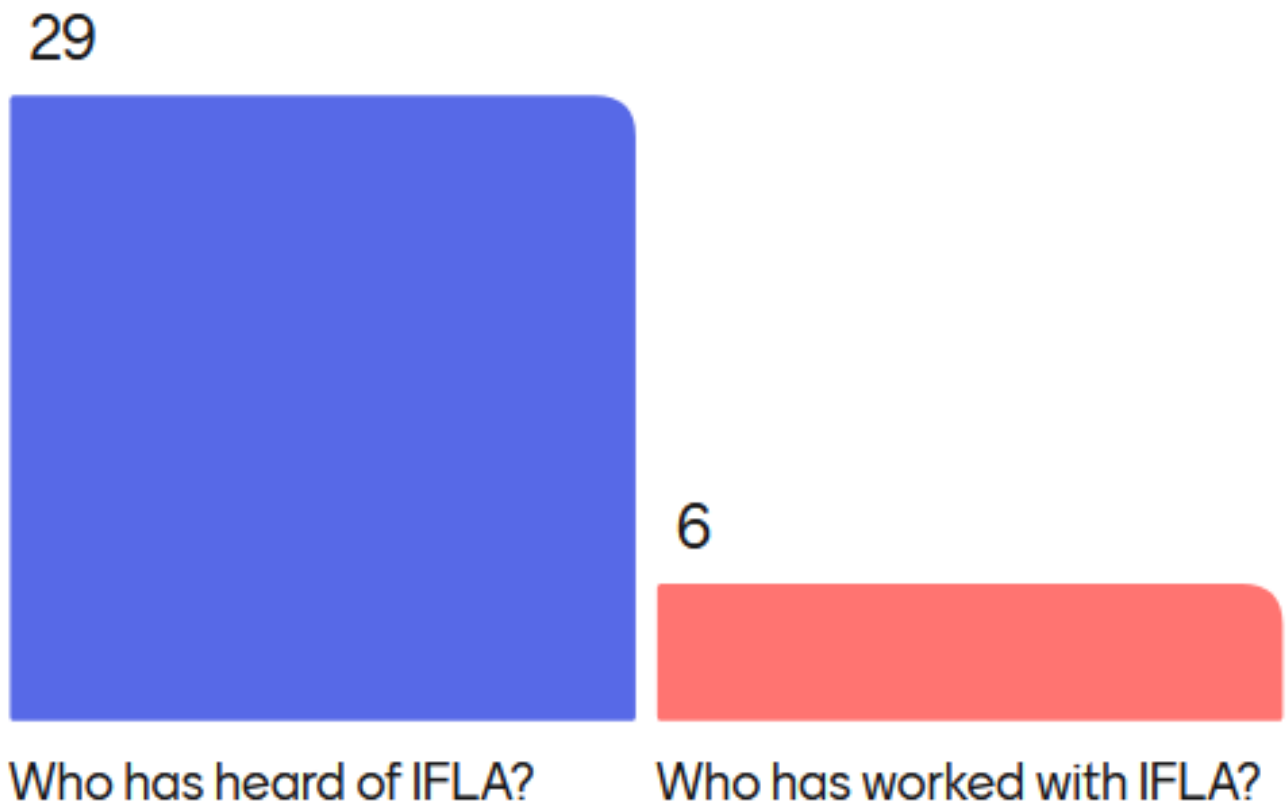

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What does the IFLA EURD do? Do you know?

?	No	No
Meetings	No	Doing fancy european stuff? ✨
Nope	No	Collaboration and partnership.
No	No	Connecting european libraries
No	not exactly	No, that's why I'm here

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What does the IFLA EURD do? Do you know?

Erasmus plus

no idea

manages members in europe

Networking between European libraries

Advocacy at EU level and beyond.

shares information, strategies from global to regional level

Webinars and stuff.

Encouraging new members

Coordinate Aktivities of European Libraries

Exchange programs

Collect best practises, work with Blida

Providing support to projects and initiatives

Serving and spreading Ifla

IFLA is…

An essential actor in **advancing global librarianship**, bringing benefits to libraries, library and information workers, library associations, and the communities that they serve.

Key roles

A place for the global library field to **meet and share** about the common issues it faces, **providing support and finding solutions**

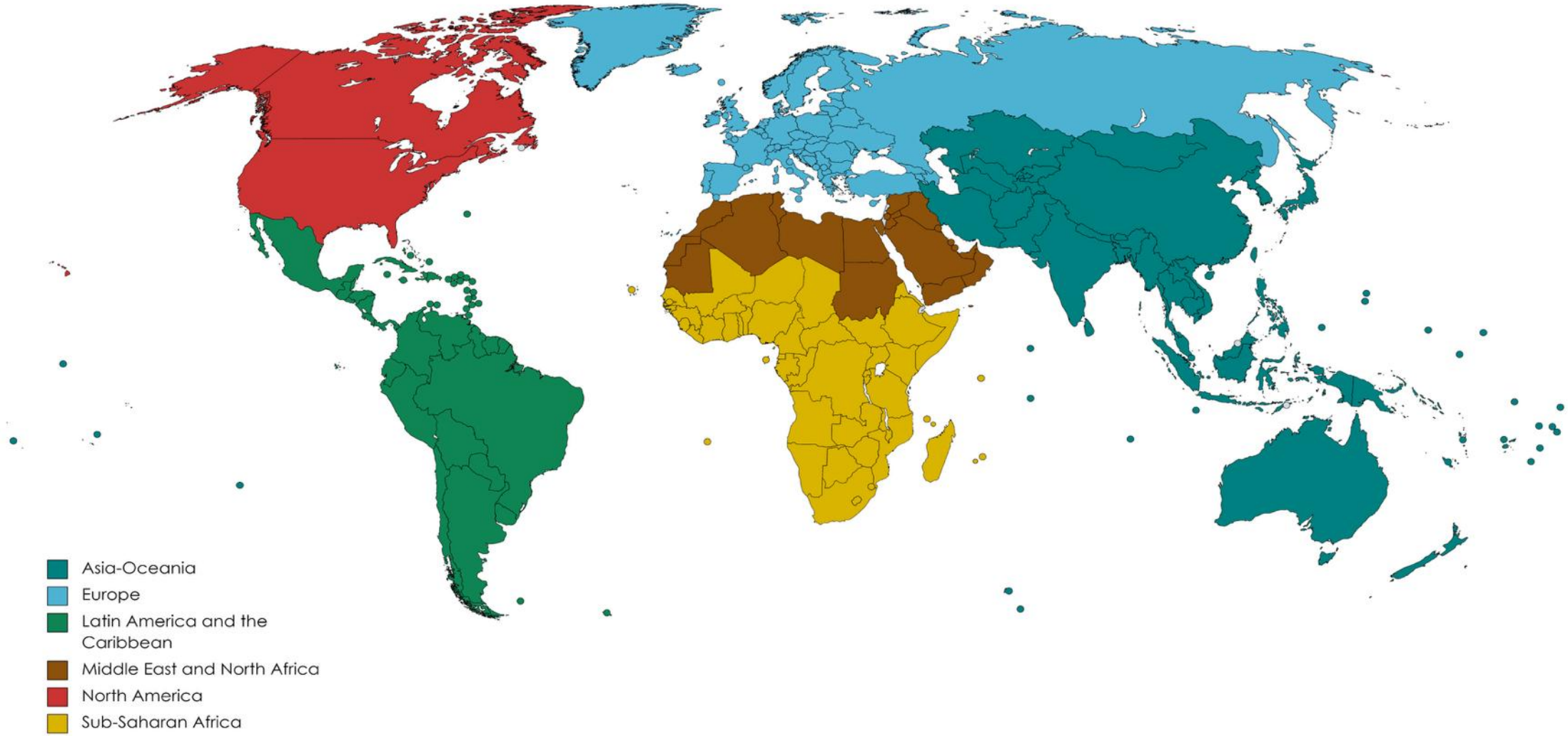
An **incubator for innovation**, and a structure for developing the tools that allow libraries to work across borders

A **voice for libraries** on the international stage, a **driver of partnerships**, and a support for advocacy at all levels

A **thought leader**, an amplifier of good ideas, and a **key reference in defining library values**

A **channel for mutual support and solidarity** across the global library field

IFLA: How we are organised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COMMITTEE OFFICERS

CHAIR

VICE-CHAIR

INFO COORDINATOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

20 members in total

The three officers are drawn from the membership of the committee

WHO ARE WE?

Players in the European Library Field

IFLA’s Regional Council

Coordinates the work of the Regional Divisions, especially strengthening advocacy and supporting the visibility, coherence and effectiveness of IFLA's work.

The EURD in 3 Metaphors

BRIDGE

connecting Europe & global IFLA

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AMPLIFIER

making European voices louder inside IFLA

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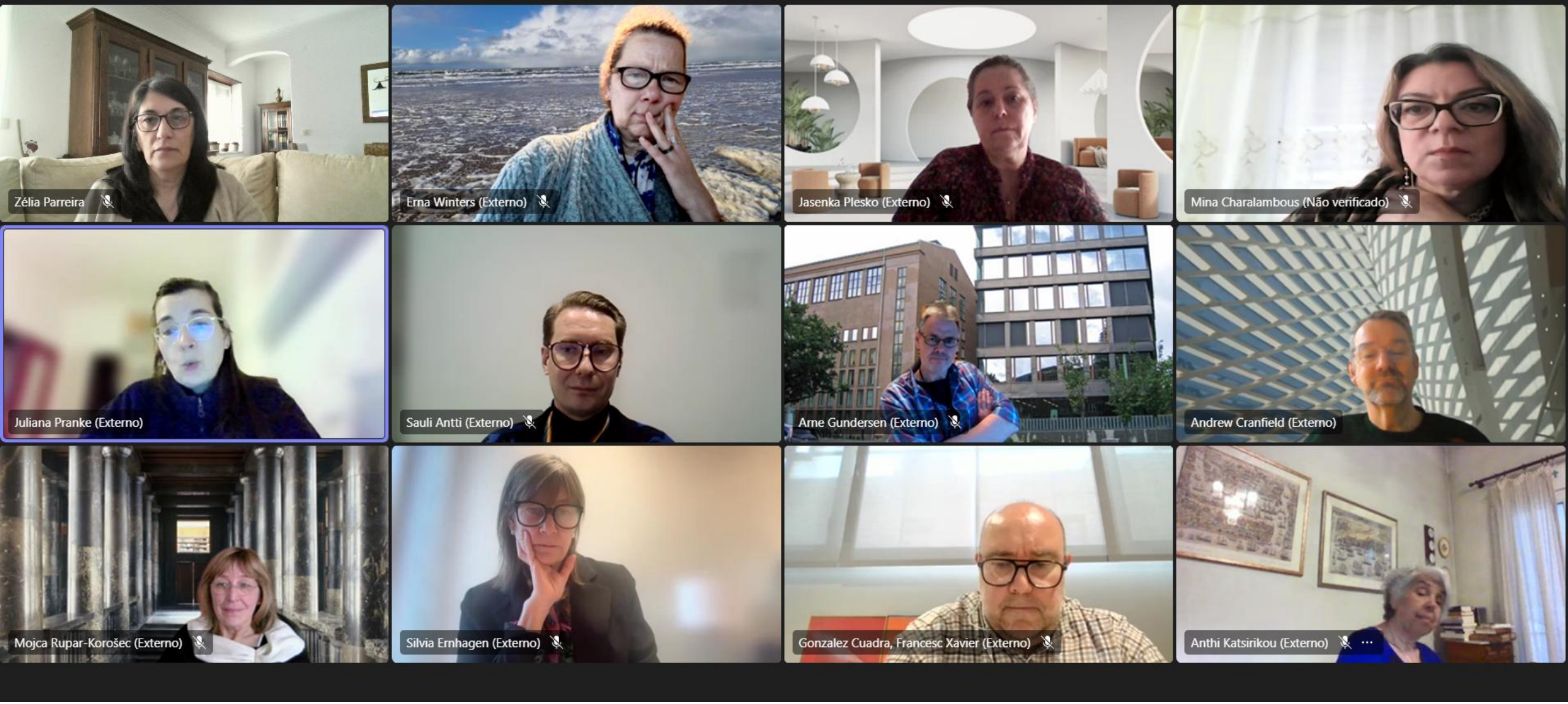
SWITCH BOARD

connecting people, sections and regions

What do we do?

The EURDC Action Plan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EURDC Action Plan

The committee is divided into Working Groups and sub-working groups.

WG1: Communications

WG2: Sector Collaboration and Advocacy

WG3: European Leadership Development

WG4: Cultural Heritage

EURDC Action Plan

WG1: Communications

- More strategic communications
- Clearer and more consistent communications
- Increase the visibility of the EURDC
- Strengthening the communications with the IFLA Headquarters

EURDC Action Plan

WG2: Sector Collaboration and Advocacy

- Works together with the European library organisations to coordinate work

- Action plan items:
  - Survey on National Libraries' policy role
  - Strategic 5-year-plan
  - European Libraries' Directors' Group

EURDC Action Plan

WG3: European Library Leadership Development

- Conducts a survey on European libraries' leadership programmes
  - To map the current leadership programmes
  - To find out future needs for leadership trainings

- Publish a paper on IFLA's added value in this area

EURDC Action Plan

WG4: Cultural Heritage

- Strengthen the cooperation of European libraries in the field of cultural heritage

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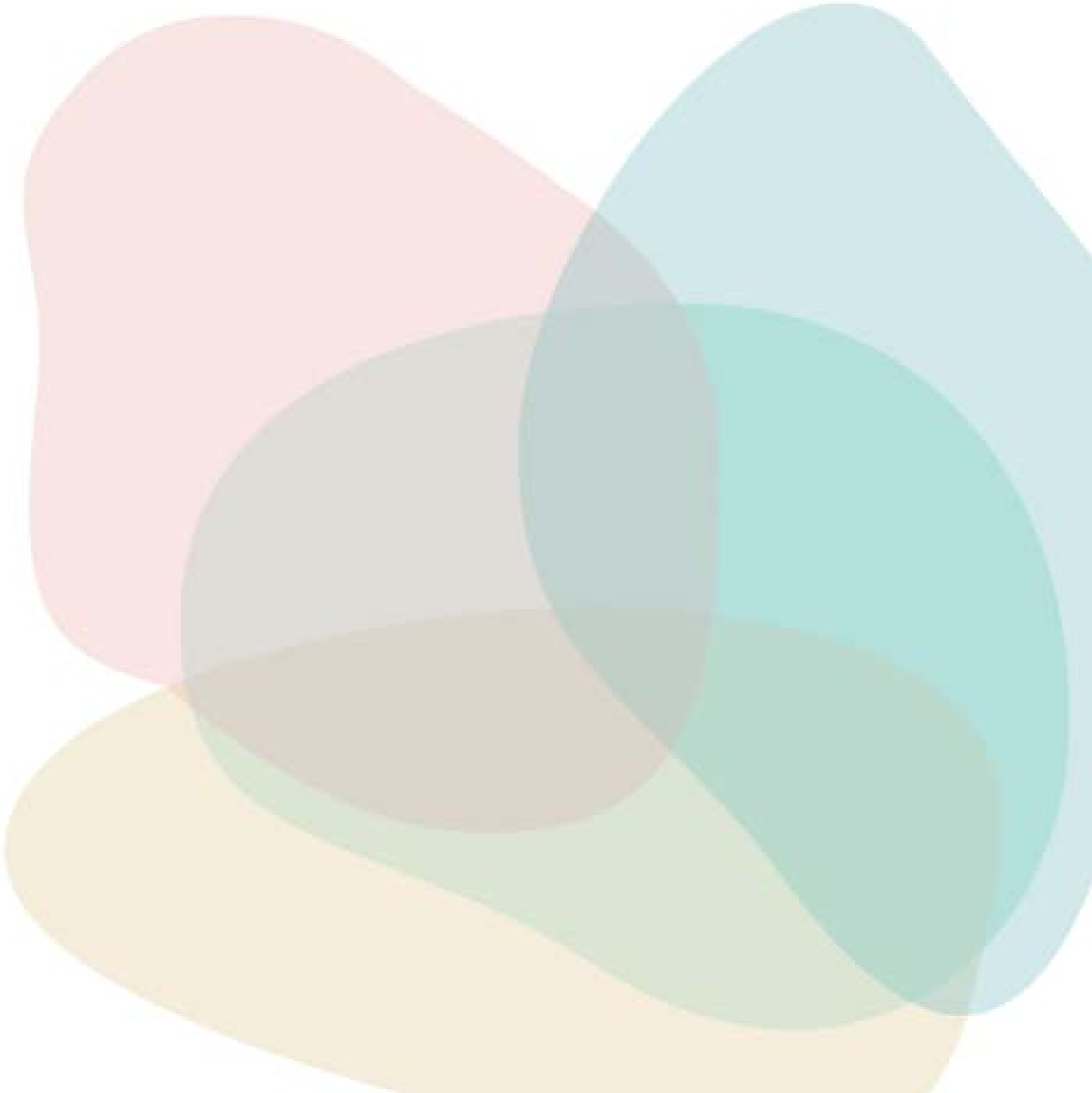
Quiz



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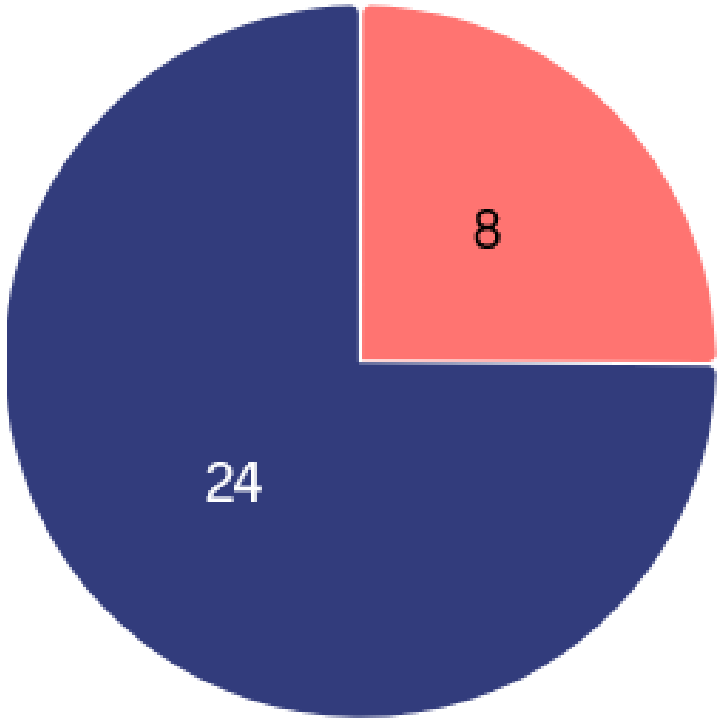

0	the 27 EU Members States
8	the 27 EU Member States plus Norway, Switzerland, Turkey
24	60 countries in the Europe region, including – among others – Azerbaijan, the Holy See, and Svalbard & Jan Mayen Islands

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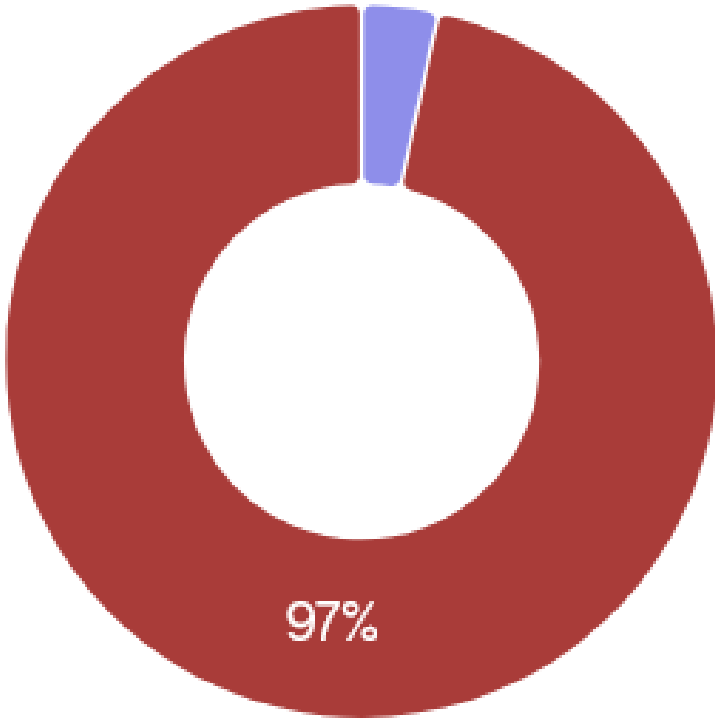
The EURD works together with:



- 0% EBLIDA
- 0% LIBER
- 0% PL2030
- 3% EBLIDA and PL2030
- 97% all of the above

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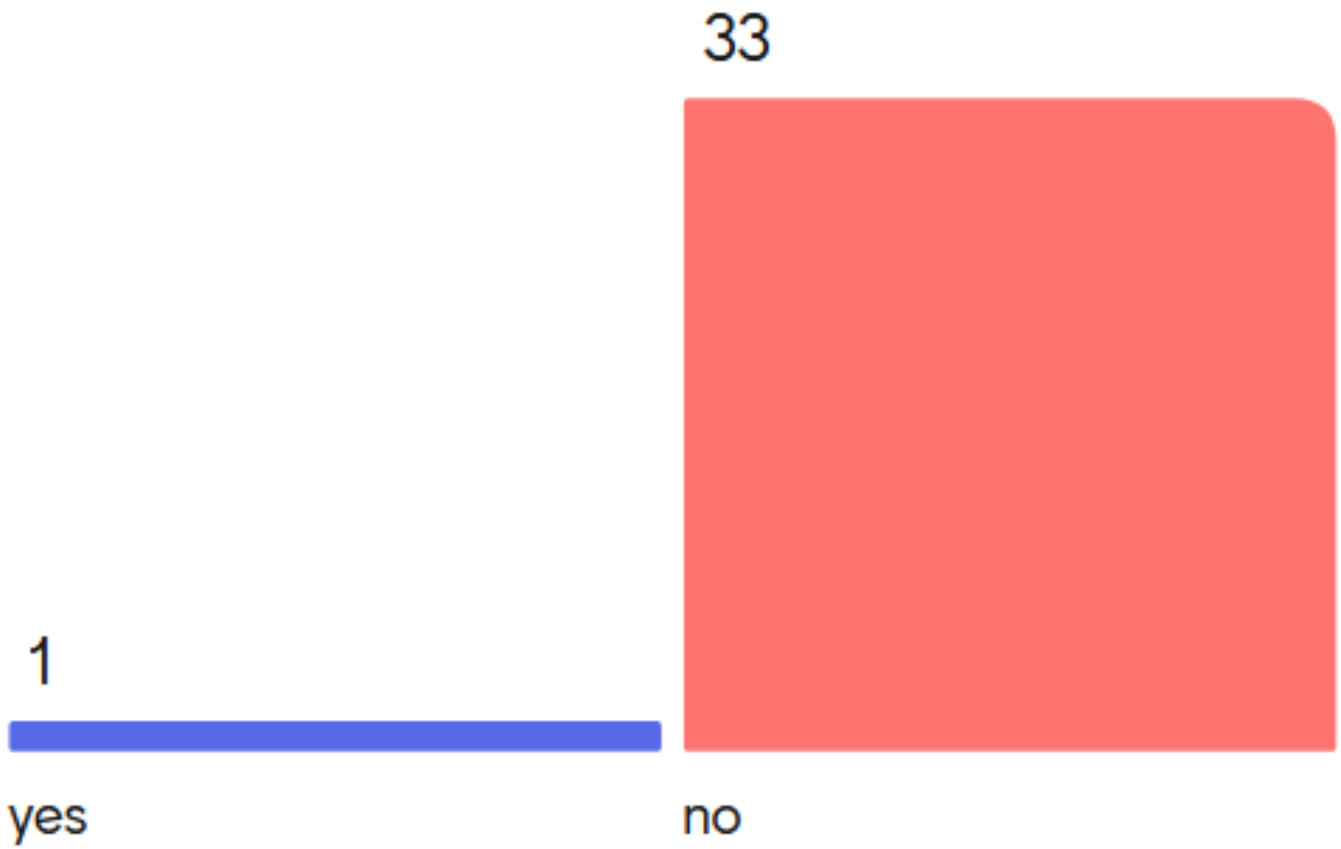
The EURD is only for national libraries.



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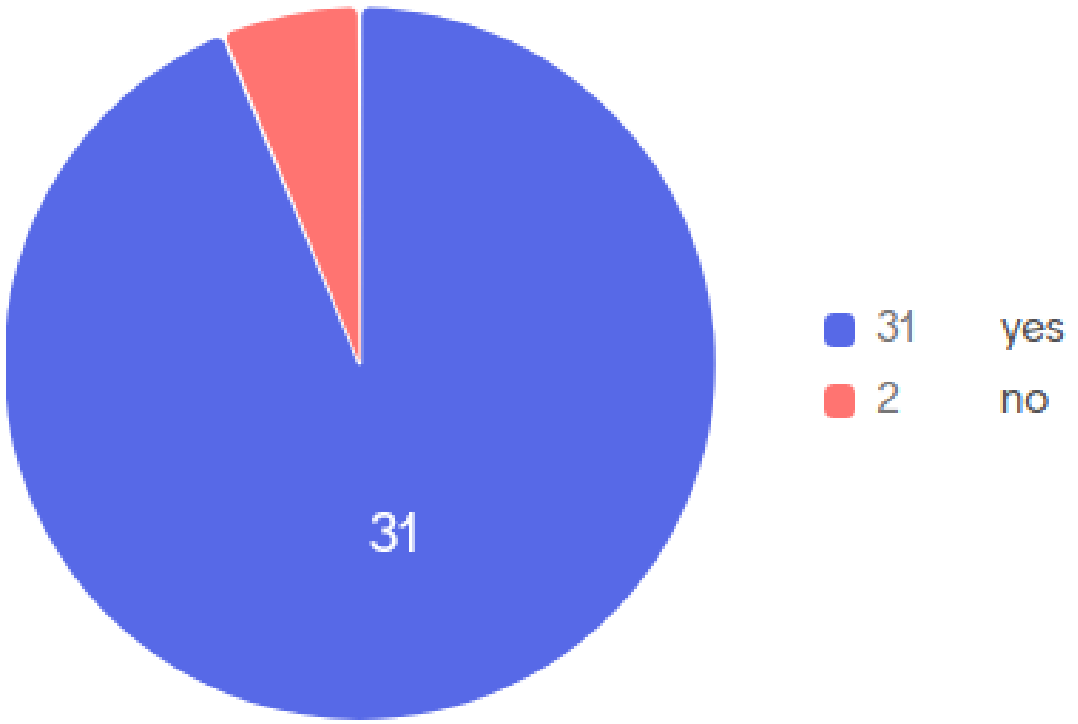
The EURD helps align European messages inside IFLA.



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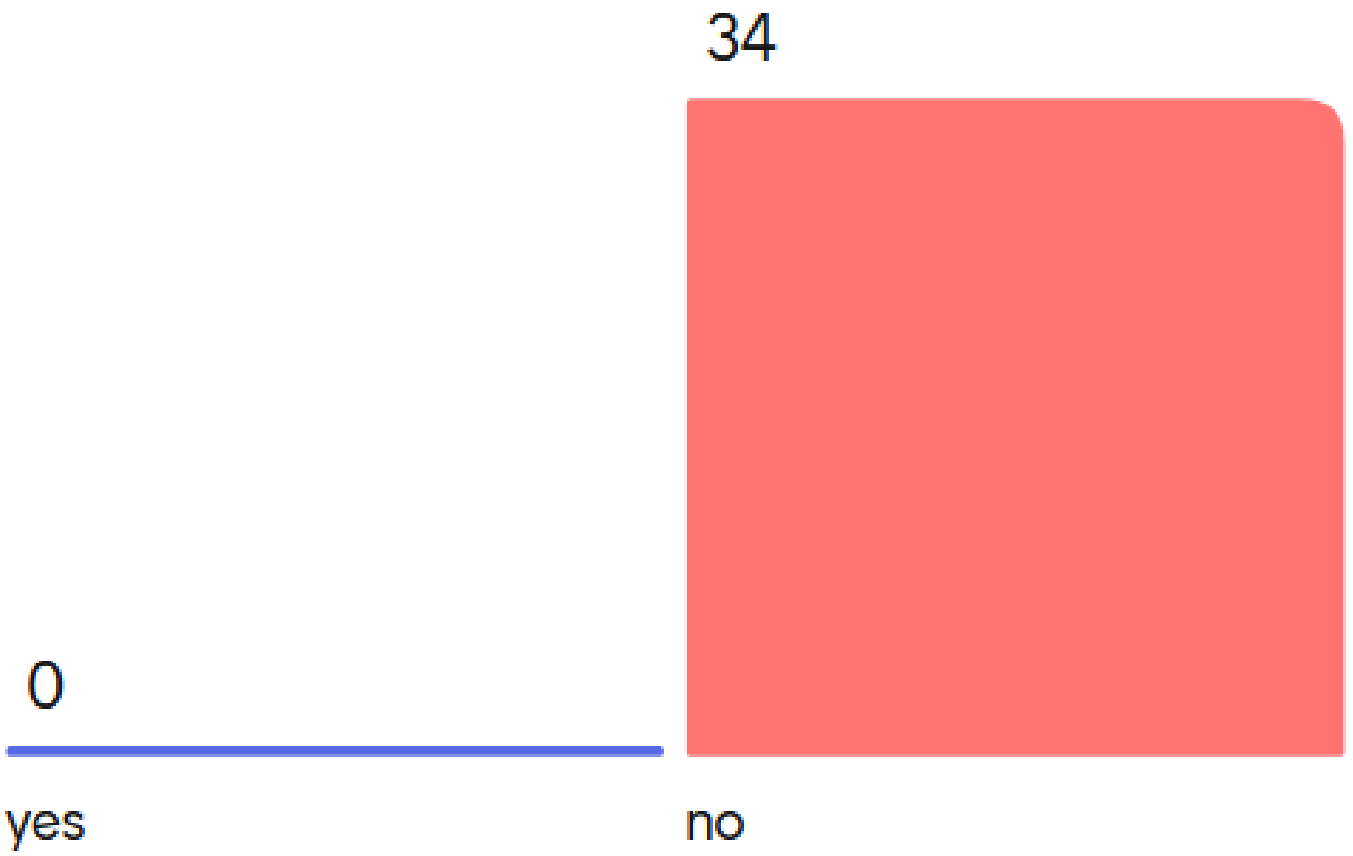
You have to be a director to become a committee member of the EURD.



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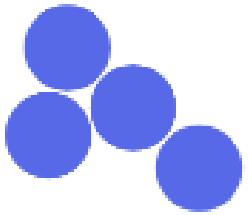
The EURD lobbies the EU directly.



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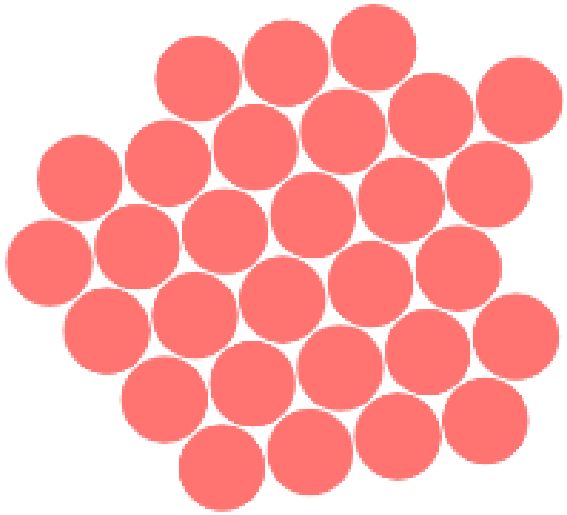

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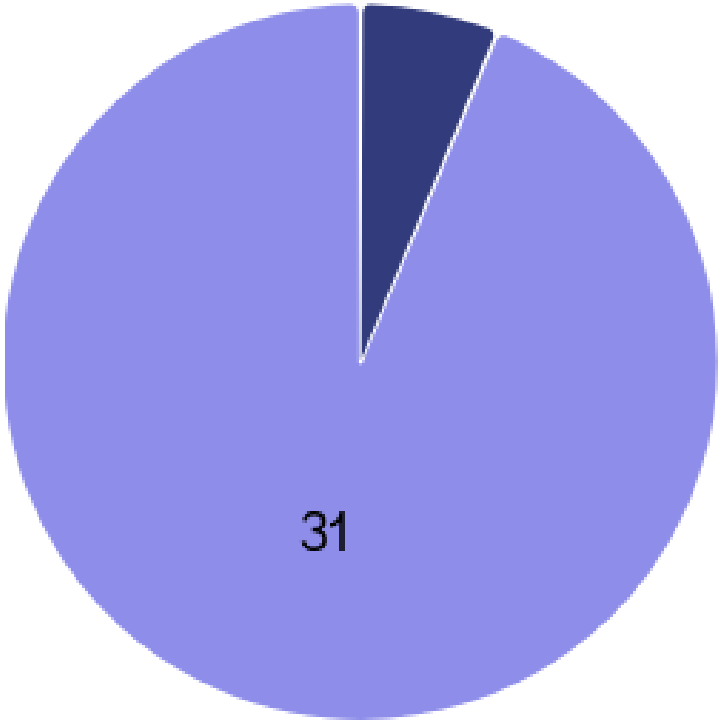
Which of the following characterises the EU RDC's relationship with other European associations?



0	Cooperating on projects to maximise capacity
0	Complementing their work by focusing on issues not already being addressed
2	Enabling the adaptation of wider IFLA projects to support shred agendas
31	All of the above

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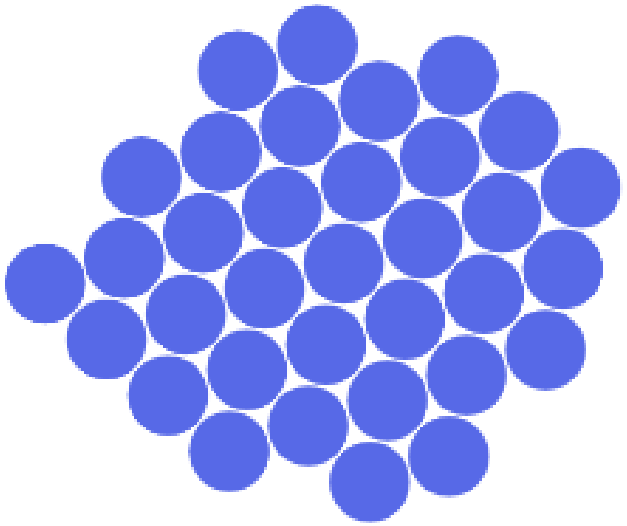
The EURD helps the European librarianship speak coherently inside IFLA.

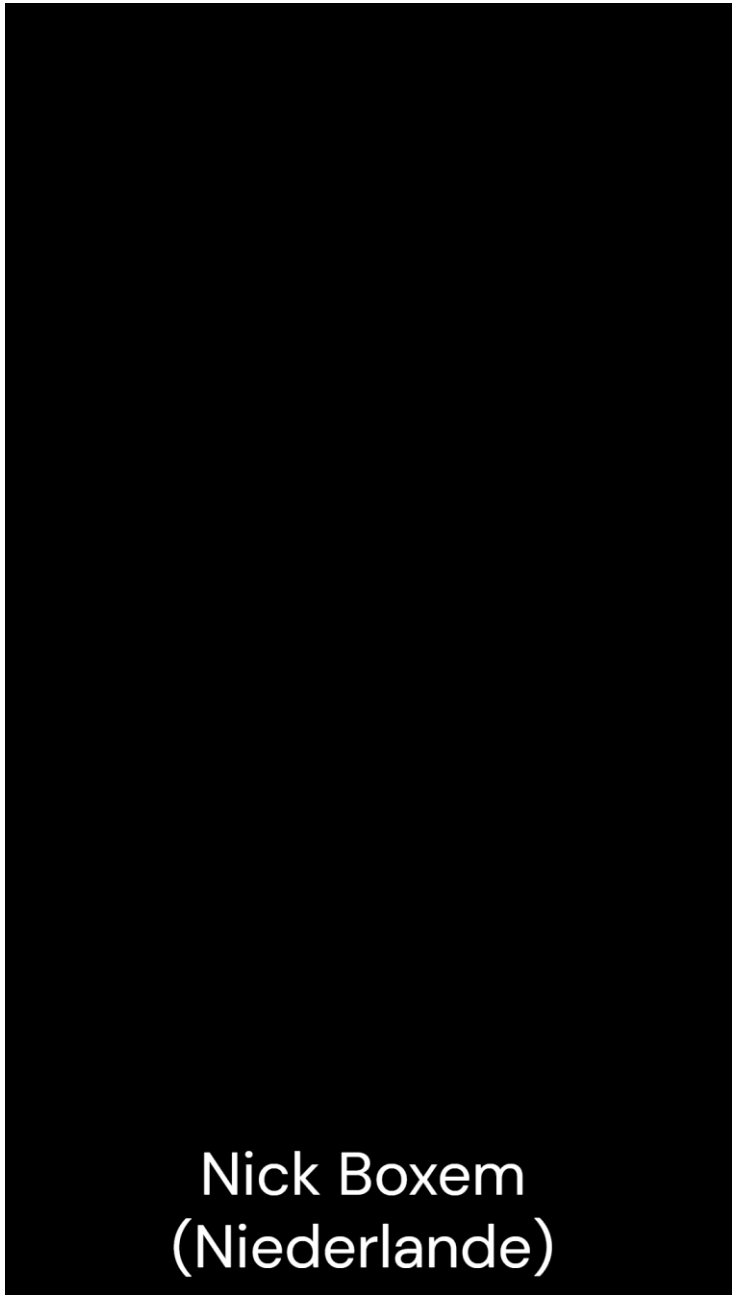


34 yes

2 no

Why this matters

video messages



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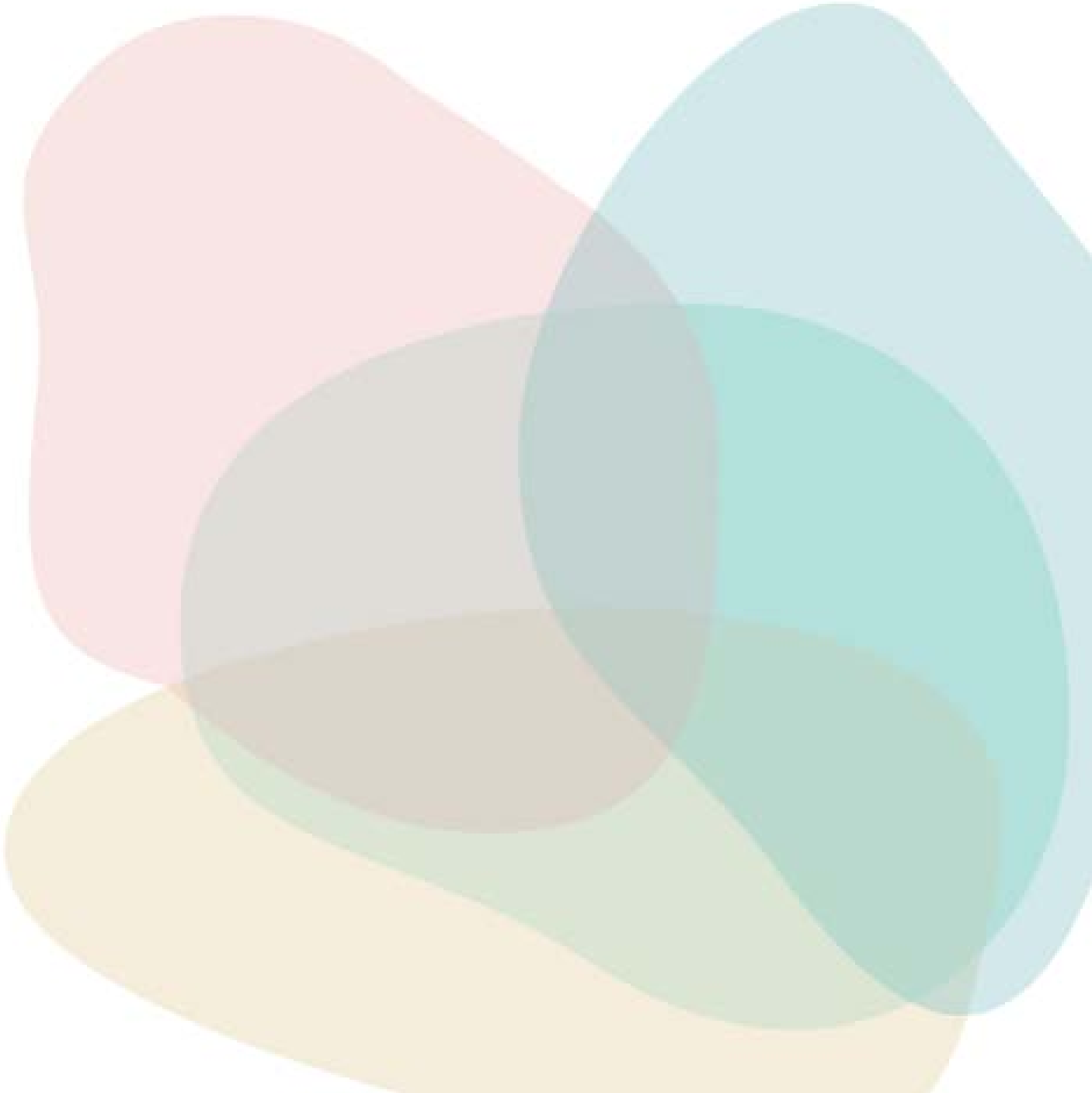
Your needs & expectations



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What topics are still missing and should be addressed by the EURD?

Translation.

What about connecting smaller/special libraries?

Translation of IFLA guidelines into different languages used in Europe.

Interlibrary loans across Europe.

Lobbying.... to get bigger budget for libraries

AI and advance Technologies

how to's, like how to support under-served & marginalized communities

open calls for projects or infos about eu open calls for li raries

Strengthening collections in minority langusges

More connecting out and connecting back in from global field into Europe

Creating meetings and presentations like this one with non members, to explain more of IFLA

Decolonizing legacy collections.

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Interlibrary loans across Europe.

more young voices and members in commitie

I'm convinced!

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Facilitating return of materials appropriated unjustly in the past.

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active & personal outreach to regional libraries (where or if possible)

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What do you need to feel well informed about EURD?

Newsletter

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part of ifla newsletter

Call for newsletter inputs.

Social Media

Cat pictures for engagement.

Meetings online?

something outside of linkedin please (bluesky? duplicating linkedin content on other platforms)

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What do you need to be convinced that this work is relevant to you and your library?

Information and visible projects

Is it possible to join bcs only one from country can join

Recognition of contribution.

we do need strategies and plans that we can use and adapt to our local lever or at least use it when writing our own documents

In general yes, but maybe our library is too small and the topics for us not relevant

stronger cooperation with german library associations

Highlighting small and special libraries.

Maybe share info about other sections which we can join

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Call to Action

Have your library or institution become members or active in IFLA, EBLIDA (the European Library Association), LIBER (the European Research Libraries), PL2030 (a European network of public libraries)

Become – as an individual – active in an IFLA section.

For questions: Contact Juliana! ☺

Become a Volunteer at WLIC

Mailing lists and LinkedIn account

- IFLA EURD list: ifla-europe@iflalists.org
- Go to: https://mail.iflalists.org/wws/lists to sign in!
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/ifla-eurdc

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IFLA Newsletter

IFLA Highlights

Kicking off a busy month, IFLA President Leslie Weir spoke at a session organised by our North America Regional Division Committee at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in Toronto, as well as sending a greeting to the 9th Annual Congress of Information Science Specialists of Iran. She also visited London, Brussels and The Hague, meeting with key stakeholders around WLIC 2027, the European Commission, and IFLA members in the EU institutions, as well as speaking at the annual Science|Business Conference.

Finally, in 2027, IFLA will celebrate its 100th anniversary. To mark this milestone, we're launching a competition to create a commemorative logo that will be used throughout the IFLA100 campaign.

WLIC HIGHLIGHTS

If you're eligible, don't miss your chance to apply for a WLIC 2026 grant! We have a wide range of grants available, ranging from free registrations to additional travel support, so be sure to check the deadlines and apply here.

We're also here to remind you that there is still time to get involved in this year's Congress in different ways! Apply to volunteer at the Congress or submit a poster proposal by **8 April 2026**.
We're also excited to announce the first Keynote Session speaker, Jiho Cha, with more keynote speakers to be revealed soon. And if you're joining us this year in Busan, we've put together a K-culture-focused guide so you can dive into the latest from one of Asia's most dynamic cultural hubs.

And to get a taste of what you'll experience this August in Busan, check out this new WLIC video!

Thank you and see you within IFLA!